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This comment will not focus on the details of the plan for the comprehensive zoning of Ravalli county. To discuss such matters as land use, allowable businesses, population density, and other subjects as has been done without first looking at the fundamental question of preservation of individual property rights seems to me to be an absolutely critical error. Nothing that has been accomplished up to this time to help preserve the beauty and character of Ravalli County can be accepted by me unless it also preserves my rights and those of my fellow citizens. I have heard it said and seen it in print that we must accept some abridgement of those rights for the "good of the entire community." I totally reject that philosophy! I believe, as did those whose sacrifices gave us our liberties, that their preservation is the bedrock upon which our nation is founded, and which makes us unique among the nations of the earth. I also believe that we are capable of accomplishing the worthy goal of preserving what God has given us here in the Bitterroot and do it without breaking faith with those whose words and deeds have given us American Freedom. We must stop the zoning mechanism as it is now constituted and rethink the entire question. Let us turn our talent to developing a way which preserves our valley and our God given rights!

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